



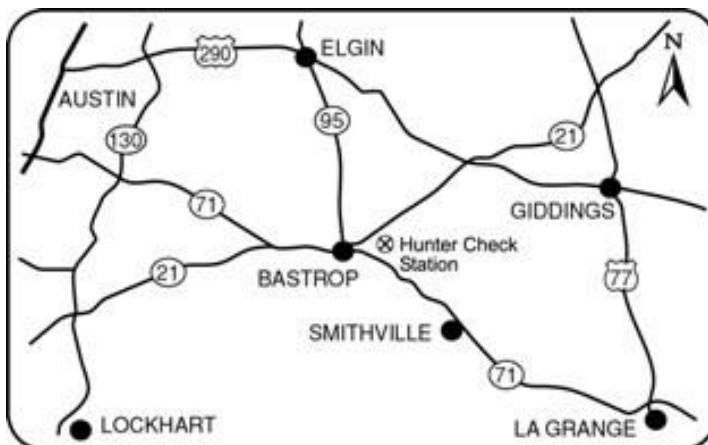
BASTROP STATE PARK

BACKGROUND

Bastrop County

Bastrop State Park is 6,613 acres, approximately 30 miles southeast of Austin in Bastrop County. The Park is within the famous "Lost Pines," an isolated timbered region of loblolly pine and hardwoods. Bastrop SP is a mosaic of loblolly pine/post oak forests, previously grazed pastures, and corridors of riparian woodland dominated by water oak. While the area was heavily impacted by the 2011 Bastrop Wildfire, varying fire intensities have produced a diversity of habitat types. Dense re-sprouting trees & shrubs dominate some areas while mature trees remain in others.

The hunt area will be closed to park visitors, during the hunt period, while other areas will remain open to the public.



HUNTING INFORMATION

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

Permitted hunters should report to the Park headquarters by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. Standby hunters should report to the park by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn at 11:00am (standby availability determined by hunt coordinator). A mandatory safety / rules orientation will be provided to all hunters prior to hunting. Orientation will be held immediately following the standby drawing. Hunting will end at 11:00 a.m. on the final day of the assigned hunt. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt.**

Hunters must wear a minimum of **400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material**, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear.

Only one legally permissible weapon per hunter will be allowed into the hunt area. Rifles with center fire ammunition are the only permissible firearms to be used.

Operation of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or off-road vehicle (ORV) is prohibited.

Blinds are not provided. Hunters may bring ground or elevated stands or blinds however the **use of nails, spikes, screws or bolts to attach such structures to a tree is prohibited**. Baiting is allowed. Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage will be available on the Park.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License, any required stamp as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, and foul weather gear.

Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.) Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult.

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.

The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Hunters may not consume or be under the influence of alcohol while hunting.

Entrance fees will be waived for hunters. Campsites and cabins will be available by reservation at (512) 389-8900, and standard camping fees will apply. Lodging is also available in the City of Bastrop. For information about the park, call (512) 321-2101.

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